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CITE [REDACTED]

DIST 6 SEPTEMBER 1970

1. [REDACTED] SEPTEMBER 1970, [REDACTED], A SUPPORTER OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JORGE A L E S S A N D R I, DENIED THE CURRENT RUMOR IN SANTIAGO THAT AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN PRESIDENT EDUARDO F R E I AND ALESSANDRI TO HAVE THE LATTER ELECTED PRESIDENT BY CONGRESS WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC). THE SECOND PART OF THE [REDACTED]

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SUPPOSED AGREEMENT CALLS FOR ALESSANDRI TO RESIGN SHORTLY AFTER TAKING OFFICE, THEREBY FORCING NEW ELECTIONS WITH FREI BECOMING THE FAVORED CANDIDATE.

2. [REDACTED] DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT ALESSANDRI AND HIS FOLLOWERS SHOULD PRETEND THAT THE RUMOR HAS SOME VALIDITY, DESPITE EXPECTED DENIALS BY PRESIDENT FREI, IN ORDER TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE LEADERS OF THE UNIDAD POPULAR (U.P.) AND POSSIBLY PANIC THEM INTO ATTEMPTING A PREMATURE GRAB FOR POWER BY FORCE. [REDACTED] THIS POSSIBLY COULD LEAD TO DEVELOPMENTS WHICH, EVENTUALLY, COULD PREVENT THE INAUGURATION OF U.P. CANDIDATE SALVADOR A L L E N D E .

[REDACTED] COMMENT: ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE FREI THAT GIVING PDC SUPPORT TO ALESSANDRI IN CONGRESS HAS MERIT, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE FREI WILL AGREE TO IT.) [REDACTED]

COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MAINTAINS THAT FREI STILL HAS MORE INFLUENCE IN THE PDC THAN ITS DEFEATED CANDIDATE RADOMIRO T O M I C . [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN EARLIER [REDACTED] WITH ALESSANDRI WHO COMMENTED WITH NO BITTERNESS, BUT WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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EVIDENT SADNESS, THAT THE "PEOPLE OF CHILE DID NOT ACCEPT WHAT WE HAD TO OFFER." ALESSANDRI ADDED THAT HE CONSIDERS CHILE TO BE "FINISHED" UNLESS THERE IS A MILITARY COUP. [REDACTED] ADDED THAT ALESSANDRI WOULD NOT PUBLICLY CONCEDE TO ALLENDE, BECAUSE IT IS SIMPLY NOT IN HIS CHARACTER TO DO SO.

4. [REDACTED]

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